

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School

Parent Letter

February 15, 2023

Happy President's Day

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

February 15: Chess Club Meeting

Pre-K & Kindergarten Open House/Registration for all parishioners and public

February 17: Noon Dismissal for faculty meeting and auction setup

February 18: 5th Grade Girls Volleyball Game 10:30am at St Mary's Suddes Gym
Auction Dinner

February 19: 3rd/4th Girls Volleyball Game 3:50pm at St Mary's Suddes Gym

February 20: No School for President's Day

February 21: All School Pancake Breakfast

5th Grade Girls Volleyball Game at 6:00pm at OLQP

6th Grade Girls Volleyball Game 6:45pm at OLQP

8th Grade Girls Volleyball Game 7:30pm at OLQP

February 22: All School Mass for Ash Wednesday

March 1: Chess Club Meeting

PSA Meeting

March 2: First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade

March 4: Father/Daughter Dance

Guest Speaker

Monday, 2/13 the 3rd and 4th graders had a very special guest speaker visit. Leah Hill, from News 4 (KMOV) came to the school and spoke with them about all things weather and her job as a TV Meteorologist. This went along with their weather unit they completed in Science class. The 3rd and 4th graders will be on the 8:45am segment on Saturday, 2/18 on Channel 4, KMOV.

Dinner Auction

Our dinner auction will be this Saturday, February 18. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. The evening also includes a live and silent auction, various raffles, photo booth, and costume contest. It promises to be a fun evening for all.

PSA NEWS

The next PSA meeting will be Wednesday, 3/1 at 6pm in the Library/Enrichment Room. All are welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast

We will be holding an all school pancake breakfast to celebrate Fat Tuesday during the school morning of Tuesday, 2/21. This is free of charge for all students.

Pre-K 3yr old Program

We are adding a five day option for our Pre-K 3 program for the upcoming school year. This option includes five half days or five full days. More information will be provided at the open house this evening, or you may call the school office with any questions.

Pre-K Registration for 2023-2024

Pre-K Registration for all parishioners and current school families opened on 2/1/23. Contact the school office to register. Tonight, Wednesday, 2/15 the Pre-K teachers will be holding an open house from 6-7pm and registration will open to the general public that night. All are welcome to attend.

Kindergarten Open House/ Registration for 2023-2024

We will be holding a Kindergarten open house tonight, Wednesday, 2/15 from 6-7pm for students entering Kindergarten next school year. Come meet the teacher, ask any questions you may have, see the curriculum used, and obtain registration paperwork. Parents and their children are both welcome to attend the open house.

Father/Daughter Dance

The Father Daughter dance "Boots and Bling" will take place on March 4th at 5:30pm. Tickets can be purchased in the office from Monday, February 13, to Friday, February 24. Cost is \$25 per couple and \$10 per extra child. Ticket includes dinner, dessert, photo, and craft. Formal Invites coming home this week.

There will be a Father/Daughter dance planning meeting Thursday, 2/16 in the Library at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend

Music Trivia

There will be a Music/Movie trivia planning meeting on Thursday, February 16 at 6:45pm in the gym kitchen (following volleyball practice). Anyone who cannot attend can text Katie Barnard (618-520-8228) if they want to help organize and plan the fun evening.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch orders are due by Thursday, 2/16 at 9am for the **week of February 20th-February 24th**. Pay for the entire month or just pay/order for a week at a time. You can find the February Menu on the school website. March Menus are coming home this week.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu.cfm>

Fish Fry

Our first fish fry is coming up on Friday, 2/24 and will continue every Friday until Friday, 3/31. Service hours can be earned by helping serve and clean up. Sign up for a shift below on your scheduled week to work or every week if you need service hours. Like years past, the fish fry committee will assign grades to help every week and the week off a dessert will be asked to be donated. The dessert can be dropped off in the school kitchen on Friday morning.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-fish>

Follow what grade your oldest child is in for knowing what date to sign up to help.

2/24- PK3, K, 4, 6 **Serve**
PK4, 2, 5 **Clean Up**
1, 3, 8 **Dessert**

3/3 - PK4, 2, 5 **Serve**
1, 3, 8 **Clean Up**
PK3, K, 4, 6 **Dessert**

3/10- 1,3,8,**Serve**
PK3, K,4,6 **Clean Up**
PK4, 2, 5 **dessert**

3/17- PK3, K, 4, 6 **Serve**
PK4, 2, 5 **Clean Up**
1, 3, 8 **Dessert**

3/24- PK4, 2, 5 **Serve**

1, 3, 8 **Clean Up**
PK3, K, 4, 6 **Dessert**

3/31- 1,3,8, Serve
PK3, K,4,6 **Clean Up**
PK4, 2, 5 **dessert**

SCRIP News

Check out the raiserright.com website for a complete list of retailers that SCRIP is available for. Lots of everyday retailers have gift card options online and you can also purchase gift cards in person at the church office. Pick up a flier in the church, school office, or call the parish office, 618-377-6519 for more information.

(Note to School parents: **Don't forget that when you purchase SCRIP, 80% of the 'rebate' we receive for that particular retailer is returned to you as a credit to your choice of tuition balance, Before/After School Care account; or purchase of additional SCRIP. Call the parish office for more info, 618-377-6519.**)

Nominate a teacher for the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

Do you know a Catholic school teacher who strives for academic excellence with a focus on the Catholic mission? Know a teacher who left a lasting impression on you or your child? Know a teacher who goes above and beyond for his or her students and who lives authentically Catholic? Nominate that teacher for the diocesan wide St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award! Nominations are due by March 5. Go to dio.org/schools/eas.

Chess Club

There will be no chess club on Wednesday, February 22.

Quarter Auction

OLQP Family Life is hosting a "Touchstone Quarter Auction" on Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm in the church basement. Proceeds will support putting new windows in one of our sister churches in Orangetown, Belize. Cost: \$10 per paddle; \$10 in quarters or \$20 for "all in" paddle. Contact Amy Frisch for details/questions at [618-444-7715](tel:618-444-7715).

Volleyball Workers Needed

We are still needing volunteers to work at our volleyball games **this weekend** on both Saturday and Sunday. Follow the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0944A5AC2EA5F49-volleyball>

Prayer for Lent

"God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen."

